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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

SUBJECT : Conversation with Mr. Robert L. Groom, President
Groom Company, Incorporated

1. This morning I took a call which was referred to me by your office from Mr. Bob Groom, a private realtor who lives in Arlington and represents the Texas people who bought up substantial acreage just beyond our Langley site.

2. Mr. Groom wanted very much to see you personally. As I understand it the idea would be that this Texas group would build a country club whose membership would be fairly well restricted to CIA employees in much the same way as the membership in the Army-Navy Country Club is now limited to the Services. He also mentioned that they might like to have you as their honorary president of the club. I told Mr. Groom that I would be very glad to see him and listen to his proposal.

3. He is pushing very hard for an "official CIA reaction" to this idea which he has been specifically requested by the Texas investors to obtain. For this reason, he wants very much to see you personally. I told him that I thought this would be premature and again said that I would be very glad to see him. He said that he would get in touch with me later.

4. In the course of our conversation he also mentioned that he was a friend of Bryce Harlow and I think that he may make further efforts to see you personally. While this idea is intriguing, I would strongly recommend that you not see Mr. Groom at this time and that we avoid any "official CIA reaction."

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L. K. White

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*Yes. Knows him
personally
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